(c) the final decision taken by the Government on the incorporation of a cap on the payments to gas-based fertilizer units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of assessment of the installed capacity of urea plants was under the consideration of the Government for quite some time. A Technical Committee has been appointed for undertaking an indepth examination of the issue.

(c) No such decision has been taken.

Interim Relief to Bhopal Gas Victims

649. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duration of monthly Interim Relief of Rs. 200/- being paid to the Bhopal Gas Victims has been extended:

(b) if so, the date of extension:

(c) whether the duration for providing Interim Relief to one lakh additional persons would also be increased in the similar manner as has been done earlier for the five lakh persons in respect of whom the decision to provide Interim Relief w.e.f. March 1, 1992 has already been taken; and

(d) if so, the last date for providing Interim Relief to such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, the date has been extended upto May, 1997 and this benefit has also been extended to additional one lakh persons.

Harassment to Tribals

650. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is compulsory to submit the Caste-certificate of the parents or grand-parents alongwith their certificate by the tribals:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether Halba tribals in Maharashtra are being harassed by the Authorities to submit the caste certificate of their parents and grand-parents along with their certificate; and

(d) if so the steps being taken to remove such compulsions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). Central Government guidelines to the State Governments and UT Administrations stipulate that the competent authorities should undertake proper verification before issuing Scheduled Tribe certificates including, inter-alia, with regard to whether the applicant and his/her parents actually belong to the community claimed, so as to ensure that only genuine persons are issued such certificates.

(c) and (d). The Government of Maharashtra have reported having clarified to the concerned authorities that Scheduled Tribe certificates can be issued to applicants claiming to belong to the Halba community if they submit their father's certificate and any other documentary evidence to the satisfaction of the competent authorities. The clarifications dated 2.7.1996 and 31.7.1996 were issued following a complaint that Scheduled Tribe certificates were not being issued to such applicants unless certificates of their parents as well as grand-parents were produced.

IPCL Projects

651. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Petrochemicals Limited has any plan to make new investment in its projects:

(b) if so, the details of the projects in which IPCL has made investment in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the proposal mooted by IPCL to set up new projects and to expand its existing units in the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) has plans to invest in the approved new and expansion Projects totalling Rs. 4233 crores approximately during 8th Plan period. Out of this approved amount, about Rs. 2583 crores is likely to be spent during 8th Five Year Plan period and an amount of Rs. 1651 crores will be spent during the 9th Five Year Plan period as spill-over from the 8th Plan. The details of the projects in which IPCL made investment in 8th Five Year Plan are given in the Statement enclosed.

Other new proposals of IPCL for implementation during 9th Five Year Plan period are in the formulation stage.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	Name of Projects	Estimated cost approved
1	2	3
1.	**Gandhar Complex**	
	Cas Cracker to produce 3 lakhs TPA of Ethyene with down stream products such as HDPE, MEG, EO, VCM, PVC and Chlor Alkali.	3485